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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director - Comptroller
SUBJECT : "CIA Operations Center"

1. On 3 August, Mr. Richard Lehman of OCI gave me a briefing on the current status of the "CIA Operations Center". The briefing went well and I am convinced that once it is completed and fully operational, the Center will be a valuable asset for the Agency.

2. In our discussions during the briefing, we made reference to this Directorate's FMSAC Center which is manned on a twenty-four hour basis, and the OSA Center, which at mission-time, is also operated on a twenty-four hour basis. We expect that the current alerting procedures in both of these DD/S&T installations will remain unchanged; that is, items of a critical or significant variety are reported to the O/DD/S&T, the Watch Office, and in turn to the O/DCI.

3. In the interest of rendering the most direct and prompt service to the Agency, I advised Mr. Lehman that for the time being, at least, I wished to be this Directorate's point of contact with the CIA Operations Center and have assumed the personal responsibility for keeping the Center advised of my whereabouts at all times.

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4. In the meantime I have asked the members of my staff to make a thorough review of the watch procedures within the Directorate, and prepare for my approval a plan which will provide for the most prompt and effective means of communications among our senior officials.




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